

CONVENTION HELD

Second Gathering of Endeavors
In Hawaii.

MEETING IN OLD KAWAIAHAW

Officers Elected to Serve
for Ensuing Year.Able Address By President Wells.
Hawaiian Delegate to Go to
San Francisco.

The second annual convention of the Hawaiian Christian Endeavor Union was held in Kawaiahaw Church last night. There were a very large number of people present, and the meeting was a most interesting and thoroughly satisfactory in all respects. There seemed to be a spirit of perfect union prevalent, and all things worked in unison toward a very pleasant ending.

The church was beautifully decorated. The place where the choir is usually seated was occupied by palms and ferns, and hanging in festoons from the rafters were festoons of white flowers; bouquets of flowers and palms and ferns graced the pulpit; just in front of the preacher's desk was a mat of ferns, studded with red, pink and white blossoms.

The crowning piece of decoration was just in front of the organ pipes—a solid mass of ferns on a long card board, with the words, "For Christ and the Church," in white letters. Immediately below this design were the large letters, "C. E.," done in white flowers.

Seated on the stage were: Rev. H. H. Parker, pastor of Kawaiahaw; Miss Agnes Judd, secretary of the Y. P. S. C. E. Union; Rev. J. M. Monroe, of the Christian Church; Rev. Stephen L. Desha, of Hilo, and Miss Kate Kelly, of the Y. P. S. C. E. of Central Union Church.

To the left of the stage was an orchestra, composed of some of the members of the band and W. A. Love.

The program was as follows:
7:30 p. m.—Violin Solo—Mr. W. A. Love.

SONG SERVICE.

Hymn 140—All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

Hymn 454—Praise Him! Praise Him!

Song—Young People's Society, Christian Church.

Hymn 176—To the Work!

Hymn 192—More Love to Thee, O Christ.

Hymn 611—Onward, Christian Soldiers!

Opening Prayer—Rev. H. H. Parker.

H. M. Wells, the president of the union, read the following address:

"Fellow Endeavorers and Friends:

"We meet tonight to cement more firmly the bonds of our union. Com-

ing, as we do, to this large and beautiful building, dedicated to the work and worship of God among the Hawaiian people, we shall, perhaps, the better realize that we are a united band, working for the common end of character building for Christ in these islands.

"We meet to give hearty welcome to the new members of our Hawaiian Christian Endeavor Union; to the new societies formed during the past year, we would extend a cordial right hand of fellowship. We meet to learn from each other better methods of doing the Master's work. But more than all, we meet to catch some spark of that enthusiasm for His work, for His country and His leader, that the soldier feels at some grand review of nation's battalions. Our numbers are indeed small, but so much the more do we need union among the few that our strength and enthusiasm may be as that of many.

"A little over 16 years ago the first Christian endeavor society of the world was formed in Portland, Maine. Today there are upwards of 20,000 societies scattered throughout the world, with a membership of over a million. What society in all history has ever shown such a marvelous growth? Nor has this been a mushroom growth, springing up in a night to be crushed by some careless footstep of the morning; but a growth that shall endure till the Christian Endeavor Society shall have accomplished its mission: till there are no longer young lives to train 'for Christ and the Church.'

"We may well ask ourselves, what has been the secret of this marvelous growth? The true strength of all societies, as of all books, is commensurate with the principles of truth embodied in them; and by 'truth,' let us understand not that which is historically true, but which is principle or influence, which wrought out in the lives of men, brings out the sin-blurred image of God in them. If we were to ask what living truths are embodied in the Christian Endeavor Society, the answer would be: First, the truth that it is not good for man to be idle. The Christian Endeavor Society puts every member right into the harness and gives him something to do. It tries to so adapt talents to work, and work to talents, that a harmonious working band of youthful strength and enthusiasm shall second all the efforts of the local church."

"This implies the second principle of truth, namely: That 'in union there is strength.' In the larger union, also, is enthusiasm, and a consequent extension of effort. The growth of the Christian Endeavor Society has been largely augmented by those grand conventions of thousands from all parts of the world, where the very force of numbers carries by storm the redoubts of prejudice and inertia, and plants the banner of Christian endeavor on many a

hitherto hopeless field. But it is to the truth embodied in its pledge that the Christian Endeavor Society has owed much of its strength and permanence.

"Trust in God and keep your powder dry," was the advice of a great general to his soldiers on the eve of battle. 'Trusting, . . . I promise to try,' reads our pledge. Trust and try—these two—two truths of all successful effort, stand at the very threshold of our pledge. 'I will strive to do all that He would like to have me do.' What does this mean but that all the truths of Christ's works and life we will strive to put into our own lives? What growth and power, both in the individual and the mass, such a living of the Christian life would mean!

"That I will make it the rule of my life to pray and read the Bible every day." This promise kept, we daily drink at the fountain-head of all truth. Who can estimate the power of such a habit upon a life? To support my own church in every way. If the Sunday school is the nursery of the church, the Christian Endeavor Society is its training school, for here habits of work are formed that lead up to the larger work of the church. And this close union of church and society has been for the greater development of both. Thus, founded upon truths at once so practical and so inspiring, can we wonder at the growth of the Christian Endeavor?

"And can you, visiting pastors of the islands, doubt that what is good for 20,000 churches the world over, is good for the young people of your church? May the year that marks the coming of a world convention so near to our shores mark also a great advance in enthusiastic Christian Endeavor work among our own Hawaiian people."

After this came the secretary's address, read by Miss Agnes Judd, as follows:

"Since our meeting in convention last June, three Christian Endeavor Societies have been organized on these islands. In August, 1896, the young people of Kawaiahaw Church formed a Y. P. S. C. E. with four active and 16 associate members. The membership has grown in less than a year's time to 59, 14 active and 45 associate. Much interest is taken by the young people in their society. The average attendance at the prayer meetings is from 30 to 40. Once a month the meeting is devoted to Bible study, the pastor explaining the difficult points. The society holds a social every three months, to which other young people are invited."

"A Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor was organized in January of this year, in the Wailuku Church, Maui, of which Mr. S. Kapu is pastor. The membership consists of 25 active and six associate members. The third society organized this year is in the leper settlement on Molokai."

"The Y. P. S. C. E. of Kawaiahaw Seminary reports a membership of 12 active and 27 associate; two of the associate members have joined the church this year. The society sends five of its number to teach in the Sunday School at Kakaako every Sunday afternoon. Two of the members help Mr. Leaningham in the Sunday School at Pauoa."

"Among the girls of Maunaloa Seminary, East Maui, there is a Christian Endeavor Society numbering 25. The girls enjoy the meetings and find them very helpful."

"All of the active members of the Y. P. S. C. E. of Makawao Foreign Church, with one exception, are members of the church. The society is composed of 21 active and four associate members. Considering the long distances which many of the young people have to travel to the meetings, the meetings of the society are well attended and full of interest. The junior society of the Makawao Church has 15 members. Two of the children have joined the church during the past year."

"The Y. P. S. C. E. and the Junior Christian Endeavor in the Hilo Foreign Church, at Hilo, are holding their own. The senior society has 14 active and 15 associate members. The society will be represented by a delegate at the World's Convention of Christian Endeavor, which will be held in San Francisco during the first week of July."

"The Junior Christian Endeavor of Central Union Church has a membership of 20. Two have joined the church this year. The society has adopted the plan of having five minutes of the prayer meeting devoted to committee meetings, when each committee has a little talk with some members of the older society on the work done during the week and on their preparation for the prayer meeting."

"The Y. P. S. C. E. of Central Union Church has 51 active and four associate members. Two have joined from the Junior Christian Endeavor, and 11 new members have come into the society. Sixteen of the members have joined the church during the past year. Last December the society took up a special collection, amounting to \$10, for the lepers. At the social, held April 1st, \$21.50 was given for the Christian Endeavor Home in Nagasaki, Japan, in which we have been much interested, through the influence of our fellow-endavorers on the U. S. S. Charleston. The Hotel Street Mission, Hilo Boarding School and other objects to which we have been accustomed to give have received help from our society this year, as usual."

"We expect that at least four of our members will be present at the International Convention of Christian Endeavor, in San Francisco, next July. There will be two delegates to the convention from the endeavorers at Pala, and one from the Hilo society. May this coming year see an ever-quicken interest in our service."

"For Christ and the Church."

Miss Judd then read the roll call of the Christian Endeavor Societies which were answered by the various representatives in either song or bible verse. By far the largest representation was from the Kawaiahaw Seminary. Central Union Church made a good showing. There were two from Wailuku. Some were not represented at all. Following was the roll call as read:

OAHU.

1. Y. P. S. C. E.—Central Union Church.

2. Junior C. E.—Central Union Church.

3. Y. P. S. C. E.—Kawaiahaw Seminary.

4. Y. P. S. C. E.—Kawaiahaw Church.

MAUI.

5. Y. P. S. C. E.—Makawao Foreign Church.

6. Junior C. E.—Makawao Foreign Church.

7. Junior C. E.—Maunaloa Seminary.

8. Y. P. S. C. E.—Wailuku.

HAWAII.

9. Y. P. S. C. E.—Hilo Foreign Church.

10. Junior C. E.—Hilo Foreign Church.

MOLOKAI.

11. Y. P. S. C. E.

A vocal solo by J. Q. Wood was followed by the address of Rev. J. M. Monroe on "The Relation of the Christian Endeavor Society to the Church." The speaker dwelt particularly upon the advantages of Y. P. S. C. E. work in the island, and the fact that, in the sight of God, a convention here meant more than, say, in the United States, this because of the various nationalities represented. Mr. Monroe said that some of the young people made the mistake of taking the Y. P. S. C. E. as their church, when in fact it was but the training school for the church.

President Wells suggested that it was a pet scheme of the union to send a native Hawaiian delegate to the Y. P. S. C. E. convention, to be held in San Francisco in July. Mr. W. R. Castle arose and heartily seconded the suggestion in Hawaiian.

A collection was then taken for the purpose of providing funds to send the delegate. It was announced later that the collection amounted to \$45.50 in cash and \$24.25 promised. President Wells announced that Mr. Jones had written a note, and placed the same in one of the baskets, to the effect that he would furnish the amount necessary, over and above the amount collected. This kindly act of Mr. Jones will allow of a native Hawaiian delegate being sent to the convention in the United States. A thing that has not been done before.

The hymn, "Blessed Assurance," was sung, and then Rev. S. L. Desha, of Hilo, gave a short address in Hawaiian, dwelling upon "Jesus Christ" as the power over and above all, "Hallelujah," the song of the angels in their happiness and "Amen," the end. Mr. Desha spoke eloquently in the native language, and finished his address with the words, "for humanity," which gave those not possessing a knowledge of Hawaiian, the key-note to all that had been said.

The election of officers of the Hawaiian Christian Endeavor Union by the convention, was the next number on the program. The Nominating Committee was represented by its chairman, who read the following officers proposed for the ensuing year:

President—Lyle A. Dickey.

Vice President for Oahu—Mr. Mahoney.

Vice President for Hawaii—Miss Mattie Richardson.

Vice President for Maui—Miss Beckwith.

Vice President for Kauai—Rev. Lydgate.

Secretary and Treasurer—Miss Mary Ahl.

There being no other suggestions than the above, these were declared elected as named.

Next came a consecration meeting, led by Miss Kate Kelley, who through readings from the Bible, and questions put just in the proper place, gave much to think about. Such questions as "Are we doing our best?" were asked. If we are striving to do our best, then the Lord will help us. The speaker brought in the matter of improving one's talents and suggested that the opportunities offered by the Lord be improved. We owe Him a great debt of gratitude, for we owe Him all we have.

Next came a chain of prayer, ending with one stanza of "Just as I am," by all present, and the hymn, "God be with you." The meeting closed with the Mispah benediction:

"The Lord watch between me and thee when we are absent one from another."

CABINET SESSION.

Hilo Wharf Project Discussed Yesterday.

At the Cabinet meeting, held yesterday morning, the principal subject under discussion was the wharf at Hilo. The work of constructing a temporary affair will begin shortly. It will be located at the mouth of the Waiakea River, about a mile from the town.

There has been much trouble among the Hiloites about selecting a site for the much-needed wharf, a majority of the citizens preferring to have it in the same locality as the present landing, as all the business of Hilo is transacted in that neighborhood. At Waiakea it will be a bonanza for the hackmen, unless the Hilo folk "get a pedal on" and construct a tram line. Though the new wharf is only a temporary affair, it is a step in the direction sought by the people.

Located at Waiakea, the tendency will be to increase the value of real estate in that locality, and, perhaps, add to the population of Waiakea.

BOARD OF HEALTH.

Discussion of Various Topics and Little Business.

It looked for a little while as though there would be no quorum at the Board of Health rooms yesterday. President Smith, Messrs. Lansing and Brown were the only members present; Mr. Myers, Dr. Alvarez and Executive Officer Reynolds were among the laymen on hand and finally Dr. Wood came in and the meeting was called to order. Secretary Wilcox read the minutes of the last two meetings which on approval were filed.

After a lengthy discussion on affairs at Molokai an expenditure of \$600 for

road to a valley where there is a large supply of fire wood was approved. Reports on fish, beef and mitigation were read and filed.

Archibald N. St. Clair, graduate of University of Glasgow filed an application to practice medicine in Honolulu. Referred to examining board.

Dr. Eldredge, Government Medical Inspector at Yokohama reported decrease in contagious diseases at ports in Japan. Two cases of cholera, which he considered doubtful owing to the locality, were also reported.

Report of Superintendent of Insane Asylum, March 31, showed 197 inmates.

In the matter of Hilo hospital, Dr. Wood reported that the annex proposed by British resident of that city should be under the control of the trustees of the Government hospital to be built there. The amount, \$2,000 was not enough to endow one bed, the sum required being \$8,000. The \$2,000 was mentioned as for use in building a hospital leaving nothing for maintenance. A motion was made that the British residents be allowed to build the cottage for the exclusive use of Anglo-Saxons, the hospital to be under the direct control of the Government.

At the close of a half hour discussion on a reported cure for leprosy, the meeting adjourned.

THEY SMOKE.

Jolly Good Time Given By Honolulu Cricket Club.

The assembly room of the American League, corner of Nuuanu and King streets, was crowded last night, the event being one of those good, old-time smokers, where all cares are forgotten and a jolly good time is indulged in. Nearly 150 men were present, and the Honolulu Cricket Club has the credit of furnishing a more than pleasant evening to these.

The hall was very attractively decorated. The platform, where the president of the evening, Dr. H. V. Murray, was seated, was the center of attraction. Queen Victoria's portrait, on a large frame, was surrounded by English flags, while plants of various kinds completed the decorations of that place. All around the walls of the hall, and extending from ceiling to floor, were



DR. H. V. MURRAY.
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Flags of various nations, the English and Hawaiian predominating. David Kawanakoa and A. M. Hewitt were the artistic decorators.

The program of the evening was as follows:

1. Overture Prof. Oscar Herold
2. Song, with banjo accompaniment A. Cunha
3. Bass solo—The Mighty Deen E. Ross
4. Violin solo R. L. Marx
5. Song—The Gallants of England W. L. Stanley
6. Zither solo Theo. Wolff
7. Legerdemain Dr. Sinclair
8. Song—Waxworks J. F. Scott
9. Song—Ballyhooley D. Shanks
10. Piano solo A. Cunha

INTERMISSION.

11. Overture Captain Berger

12. Hawaiian Quintette Gus Murphy

13. Topical song A. Cunha

14. Song C. Kreuter

15. Cornet solo C. Kreuter

16. Song—Clara Nolan's Ball D. Shanks

17. Chinese song H. Vierra

18. Hawaiian Quartette Dr. Moore

19. Ventriloquism Dr. Moore

20. Song—Just Tell Them That You Saw Me Daniel, with chorus by all

The various numbers were all well rendered. Space prevents mention of the best selections.

After a rousing toast to Queen Victoria, singing of "Auld Lang Syne" by all, and three cheers for a good time all around, the merry throng broke up.

Henshall—Afong.

Miss Helen Afong will be married to William A. Henshall, attorney-at-law, on Friday evening at 8 o'clock, at the residence of the bride's mother, Nuuanu avenue. The wedding ceremony, to be performed by Rev. D. P. Birnie, will be very private. J. Walter Jones will be best man. The young couple will live at the corner of King and Keeaumoku streets.

Memorial Services.

The annual service in memory of the deceased Odd Fellows will be held at Harmony Hall, King Street on Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. This corresponds with memorial services by the G. A. R. and is very interesting. Graves of the members who have "gone over the range" will be decorated after the services in the hall.

Talk on Art.

About 50 persons attended Artist Hitchcock's lecture to the members of the Kiloheana Art League, at their rooms last night. The lecture was interesting throughout, and the speaker was heartily congratulated at the close. The lecture will be printed in full in this paper.

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LOCAL BREVITIES.

The advertised letter list appears in this issue.

Col. Gilbert F. Little will leave for Hilo on the Helene today.

The Hawaiian Board has received \$28,000 from June, 1896, to June, 1897.

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An effort will be made in the next Legislature to have the Government electric light system placed beyond the power of water.

Deputy Marshal Hitchcock did not return on the Mauna Loa yesterday. He is expected back on the Kinau Saturday morning.

The captain of the Philadelphia has kindly invited the Hawaiian Evangelical Association to inspect that man-of-war from 2 to 5 p. m. Saturday.

During the temporary absence of W. G. Irwin from the islands, E. I. Spalding will act under power of attorney for the bank of Claus Spreckels & Co.

An election for Colonel, First Regiment, N. G. H., will be held at headquarters on Saturday, June 19. Major Geo. C. Potter of the General Staff will preside.

The Philadelphia and Marion men in command of Lieutenant Commander Ingerson, were out for drill on the Makiki baseball grounds as usual yesterday morning.

The commencement exercises at Oahu College will be held on Thursday evening, June 24. The members of the graduating class will each make an address.

Castle & Cooke, Ltd., agents for the Joseph Dixon Crucible Company, have a full stock of this well-known company's compounds of graphite, such as paint, axle grease, lubricators, belt dressing, etc.

Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Wilder left for San Francisco on the Australia yesterday. They will spend some time in San Francisco and will then visit Boston, New York, Newport and other places, returning in four or five months.

The Labor Council of San Francisco held a meeting recently and discussed the labor situation in Hawaii. The contention was that the conditions in the islands were such that it was undesirable for the Council to encourage laborers to come. After discussing the labor report of Commissioner Fitzgerald it was voted to invite him to be present and address the Council at its next meeting.

Architect Herbert C. Chivers, Editor of The Saint Louis, Architect of Saint Louis, Mo., U. S. A., has mailed to the Advertiser the January number of his quarterly magazine. Mr. Chivers works, unlike that which is published in most books of designs is strictly modern. He works mostly in the Colonial style which is acknowledged strictly American. Mr. Chivers does a very extensive architectural business all over the United States and many foreign countries and his work is extremely low priced.

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